



**Delaware Bicycle Council
February 1, 2006
DelDOT Administration Building
Meeting Minutes**

Members Present

Fred Breukelman, Dept. of Public Health Rep.
Thomas Hartley, Kent County Representative
Laura Madara, DNREC Representative
Doug Mills, New Castle County Representative
Amy Wilburn, At-Large Representative

DelDOT Support Staff Present

Anthony Aglio, Bike/Ped Coordinator
Liddy Campbell, Administrative Assistant
Joseph Cantalupo, Assistant Director, S&RP
Tom Felice, Project Engineer
Fritz Schranck, Deputy Attorney General

Members Absent

Don Carbaugh, Chair & New Castle County Rep.
Sgt. George Heberling, DE State Police Rep.
Harry Isaacs, Jr., Council on Transportation
Judith Jeffers, At-Large Representative
Lisa Moore, Office of Highway Safety
John Ray, Dept. of Education
Timothy Willard, Sussex County Representative
Robert Witsil, At-Large Representative

Guests Present

Walt Bryan, Sussex County
Amy Hughes, National Multiple Sclerosis Society – Delaware Chapter
George Spadafino, Project Engineer, DelDot

The meeting was called to order at 5:05 pm

I. Welcome and Introductions

Introduction of Guests

Since Don was unable to attend the meeting, he asked Anthony Aglio to chair the meeting on his behalf. Anthony started the meeting off by asking the Council Members and guests to introduce themselves. Guests included: Amy Hughes, Multiple Sclerosis Society, Walt Bryan, Sussex County Representative and George Spadafino, Project Engineer, DelDot.

Council Member Vacancies/Appointees

Anthony gave an update on newly appointed members to the Council: John Ray from the Department of Education has been appointed as a new Council member, Tom Felice has also been appointed as a new member to represent DelDot. Walt Bryan expressed an interest in becoming a new member to represent Sussex County. Walt informed the Council he has submitted his application for review. It was also announced that Judy Jeffers was reappointed to the Council. As stated in the last meeting, Danna Levy would not be reappointed as representative of the Greenway and Trails Council. This position remains vacant and Anthony asked the Council members if anyone knows who may be interested in applying to please let he or Don know.

II. Old Business

Route 1 Third Lane Project Update

Anthony introduced to the Council, George Spadafino, Project Engineer who is in charge of the Route 1 Third Lane Project. George gave the Council an update on the Route 1 project. He explained that the project calls for adding a multi use lane as well as adding Bus/Bike Right turn only signs and arrows along with 8" dash lines so that it is clearly marked for bicyclists and motorists to easily understand. He also stated that new bicycle signs (between 27-37) would be posted from 5 points to the Canal. George also commented that the Engineering team is currently in the process of working on the project and anticipate it will be completed by the beginning of summer. George commented that he is working with DTC (Delaware Transit Corp) to see if they would agree in offering a reduced temporary bus fee or possibly free transportation for the bicyclists during construction and also hand out bike helmets.

Newsletter

Anthony reminded the Council members that articles are due to Don by March 27th in order to have them published in the April newsletter.

DRPS Conference Update

Since Judi was not present to give an update, Laura Madara gave a brief overview of the conference. She stated that the conference would be held on March 1st at the Deerfield Golf & Tennis Club.

HB178 “Share the Road” License Plate Bill

Anthony advised the Council that Don had spoken to Senator Henry and she stated since there were 13 bills on the agenda related to License Plates, that the Legislators had no intentions on moving on the bills at this time.

SB58 Kids Bicycle Helmet Bill

Anthony stated that the Public Safety Committee is currently viewing the bill.

Fritz commented that none of the bills have made it through and since the legislators are out of session for 6 weeks, it may be a good idea to try and contact them in between time to see if any progress could be made.

“Adopt –a-Bike Path”

Anthony suggested to the Council that since the State does not maintain a lot of bike paths, to hire contracting agents to sweep the streets along bike Route 1 to Kent County. We will continue to explore alternatives for the Adopt-a-Bike Path program.

Junction Breakwater Trail

Joe stated currently no progress has been made. Need to reach an agreement with the developer to swap land with the DE National Park Land Service before moving forward.

Indian River Bridge Maintained of Traffic/Bikes

Anthony updated the Council on the next phase of the project. He stated that an 11-foot travel lane on the bridge would be shifted to add a Shared Use Symbol and a 6” stripe. The engineers are also exploring ways on how to raise the stripe so that it stands out more. He also commented that the speed limit would remain the same @ 45 mph.

Bike Council Checkbook

Anthony proposed that we use the remaining money to purchase bicycle lights to give away at the Bike Pit Stops. It was also suggested to purchase a tent to use at future events. The Council voted and agreed.

Other DelDot Updates

Anthony stated that he would be offering free bike helmets and bike tune-ups at the upcoming Bike Pit Stops. He is also working on additional handouts, “ Share the Road” materials.

III. New Business

New Castle County – Safe Kids Day

Amy gave an update on the upcoming Safe Kids Day event. She stated the event would be held (Rain or Shine) on Saturday, April 15th, between 10am-2pm at the Bellevue State Park. There will be helmet decorating, and other helpful handout information for the parents and students. Amy asked the Council members if anyone is interested in volunteering, to please let her know. Anthony stated that he would volunteer.

Joe suggested emailing the event flyer to him so that it could be posted on the Bike Council's website.

Doug Mills stated that he would do some checking to see if anyone would be interested in donating some used bikes for the Bike Rodeo portion of the event.

Bike Month

Anthony stated that Don would be setting the date for the Legislators Ride event. Anthony also handed out a sketch of this years Bike T-shirts. He asked the Council members to take a vote on what color the shirts should be and everyone agreed the color would be orange. Other Bike Month event dates were discussed at the meeting: Bike Week May 15th – 19th, Ride of Silence – May 17th and Ride to Work Day- May 19th.

Other New Items

Next meeting April 5th.

Meeting Adjourned 6:30pm